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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	Case No. 3:21-CR-00038-SLG
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
MICHAEL GLENN WHITMORE,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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**DECLARATION OF LEONARD TORRES**

Leonard Torres, a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Trained Field Officer (TFO) with the Anchorage Police Department (APD), declares as follows:

1. I am submitting this declaration because I have been asked by the United States Attorney's Office to provide information, in response to a motion to suppress filed in this case (Docket 48), relating to an audio recorded interview that I had conducted with Michael Whitmore on March 10, 2021 (filed at Dockets 48-1 and

49-1 under seal by his attorney).

2. I make this declaration based on my personal knowledge.
3. I have been an APD Officer since June of 2000 and have been trained as a TFO investigating human trafficking and child exploitation crimes for nearly 4 years, as of January 2022. I have completed the following specialized trainings:
  - a. Multiple forensic style interview trainings, both nationally and local, pertaining to human trafficking, child exploitation, and sex crimes;
  - b. Cybercrime investigations pertaining to child exploitation crimes; andI am also an instructor for the APD police academy, training others in interviews and interrogations.
4. On March 10, 2021, I accompanied FBI Special Agent Marissa Taggart to conduct an audio recorded interview with Michael Whitmore. This interview took place in my police vehicle.
5. Prior to interviewing Michael Whitmore, I read to him his *Miranda* rights directly from the APD issued Miranda Warning card, in its entirety, that included the following:
  - a. You have the right to remain silent.
  - b. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law.
  - c. You have the right to talk to a lawyer ad have him present with you while you are being questioned.
  - d. If you cannot afford to hire a lawyer, one will be appointed to represent you

before any questioning, if you wish.

- e. You can decide at any time to exercise these rights and now answer any questions or make any statements.
6. Following advising Michael Whitmore of the above rights, I then read the waiver questions on the APD Miranda Card to him in its entirety:
  - a. Do you understand each of these rights I have explained to you?
  - b. Having these rights in mind, do you wish to talk to us now?
7. I then determined that the audio recorder had not captured the reading of the Miranda rights after beginning the interview. Once the recorder was operational, I confirmed with Michael Whitmore that I had indeed read him his Miranda rights. I confirmed that he indeed stated he was willing to talk to the agents and that he understood his rights.
8. Upon confirming these topics with the recorder now operating, I resumed the interview of Michael Whitmore.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on December 3, 2021, in Anchorage, Alaska.

s/ Leonard Torres  
LEONARD TORRES  
Officer (TFO)  
Anchorage Police Department